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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 20 May 2009 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☒ entered in part. See explanation below.

The amendment to the specification to correct the continuity is entered. However, the additional use of titles for applications and abbreviations of applications i.e. "the '081" patent will not be entered and will not be included in the specification. According to MPEP, 35 U.S.C. 120 only requires continuity to be established by the relationship to a prior application with its number and/ or patent if it has issued.

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